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REMARKS

Upon entry of this Response, claims 1-19, 21-27, 29-35, 37-43, and 45-51 remain pending in the present Patent Application. Claims 12, 14, 16, and 17 have been amended, and claims 20, 28, 36, and 44 have been canceled herein. Applicant requests allowance of the present Patent Application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 12, 14, 16, and 17 have been amended merely to correct for typographical and grammatical errors noted. In this respect, claims 12, 14, 16, and 17 remain the same in substance.

Claims 20, 28, 36, and 44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,522,421 B1 issued to Chapman et al. Claims 20, 28, 36, and 44 have been canceled herein, thereby rendering this grounds of rejection moot. Claims 20, 28, 36, and 44 are canceled herein merely to place the present application in condition for allowance. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 20, 28, 36, and 44 in a continuing application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections be withdrawn and that this application and all presently pending claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

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